

SPACE AND CONSTRUCTION



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29 December 1954 - Space ready to move into--at least for the one third, the working end, but no phones or physical security established.

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7 January 1955 [ ] puts the heat on to accept our space as of 1700 since the [ ] was being turned on. This he needed since he had put a lot of pressure to get the [ ] boys to finish up by this night (Friday), but it meant we had to accept the space in a half finished condition and without a thorough check to see if our requirements had been met.

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10 January 1955 - Combination set for door and our one safe in [ ] [ ] working and one telephone line in.

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21 January 1955 - Began to move into NIC spaces with move spread over Saturday and Monday.

2 February 1955 - Partitions arrived and installed.

25 February 1955 - Phones installed throughout the shop, partitions put in, the Mosler safe arrived and work went on as the Situation Room neared completion.

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14 October 1954 - [ ] signs plans and specifications for NIC and the justification section of the "Request for Space Services." [ ] authorized work order and assigned directorate project number.

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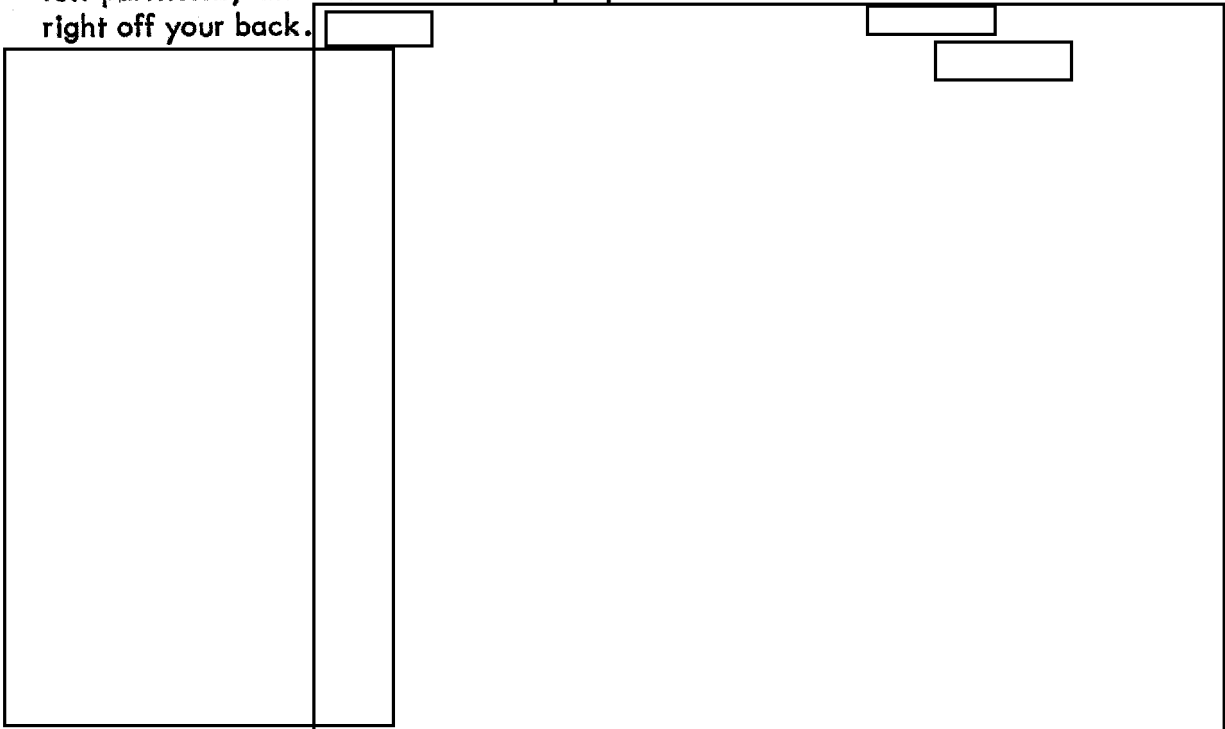
This then carried to [ ] on 18 October, and Budget and Fiscal Office had signed off. Expected completion date 1 December 1954. Actually finished 1 January.

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22 October 1954 - At the end of the day (1645) [ ] reports the building engineer has declared the Mezzanine space unsuitable. Air conditioning will be impossible, light fixtures cannot be recessed, air ducts will not tolerate a booster, Conference Room could not hold more than 15-18 people and then only if they did not smoke, low ceilings and air circulation would require no full partitions, air would have to be pumped in so fast it would take the clothes right off your back. [ ] [ ] [ ]

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NIC FUNCTIONS

7 April 1955 - One of the earliest examples of clearing house role; [ ] had called for a community evaluation of an Afghan flap and NIC was put into play to obtain interagency evaluations within the minimum time. Likewise also an early example of flap absorbing. [ ]

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13 April 1955 - Watch Committee agrees 5 to 3 to restore "national" to NIC's name. Army, Navy and JIG opposing, preferring WCIC or ICWC. Col. Fitch leading the effort against restoring the National. [ ] leading the effort for restoring it.

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## NIC FUNCTIONS

23 February 1955 - State and Air Force concerned at the Watch meeting over the loss of "National" in the title. Boris Clauson will raise the matter next week.

2 March 1955 - Boris Cluason, State, raises the question of dropping "national" from the name. Little support from the Committee, although General Cabell agreed to raise the matter in the IAC if the Committee directed him to. Matter left for discussion at next week's meeting if individual agencies determined their positions.

4 March 1955 - State says Pat Coyne of NSC Staff believes that the term "National" should be kept in the NIC name and believes the DCID should be modified to fit.

12 March 1955 - Cabell indicates possible desire by NSC/JCS to have NIC serve as a central focus of intelligence to support decisions concerning the developing Offshore Islands situation. Cabell feels this would be much too great a diversion from our basic mission. Called later to say that in his talk with Admiral Carney on this matter the Admiral had indicated he should be satisfied if NIC would draw up a list of sensitive indicators concerning ChiCom's intentions on the Offshores. Also asked for reports on any such indications. Work on this begun 14 March drafting in NIC with help from CIA, Air and Navy.

24 March 1955 - Gen Cabell promises to raise the question of restoring the name "National" to the NIC title at the next WC meeting. The matter was raised on 30 March by Boris Clauson speaking strongly in favor of restoring the title. Navy favored. (Huge victory).

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THE ROLE OF NIC

10 September 1954 - Gen Cabell: Strongly believes NIC should come up with a judgment of a situation based on the available indications and this should be presented to the WC for review and revision.

24 September 1954 - Suggested to Gen Cabell need for a directive from the WC specifying what among the Section E responsibilities should be carried out by the NIC. He agreed such a directive was necessary but doubted if one directive could cover all of the problems.

18 February 1955 - Gen. Cabell feels we have no right to use the term "national" in our name and wants to drop it at once. This appears to have come about through Layton of JIC who always has felt NIC unnecessary and has done his best to keep us hammered down. Protested Cabell's decision to him as seriously cutting into morale and prestige just as we were getting started and as the unnecessary concession to Layton's objections in the IAC, on 15 February (when they were discussing the 24-hour watch). Layton literally interpreting the language of DCID 1/2 which referred to the indications center as just the Indications Center. The origin of the additional "national" is uncertain although by the end of the Ad Hoc Committee meetings it was in common usage and had not been objected to at any time during the discussion of DCID or in the months since May 1954. Believe it began with [ ] in OCI who was for a time the Secretary of the Ad Hoc Committee) Pleaded with Cabell to support a change in DCID but he said the split would continue all the way to the top and it certainly wasn't worth taking to the IAC for decision. Offered my resignation which was rejected. Was directed to drop "National" which I had no alternative but to do. Bitterly disgusted.

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21 February 1955 - Tried to get Cabell to accept a new name for the Indications Center. He's unwilling to raise the issue but is willing for us to use ICW (Indications Center, Watch) as a teletype callsign to avoid confusion.

NIC CHRONOLOGY

1 July 1954 - NIC officially activated



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15 September 1954 - First meeting under new DCID chaired by General Cabell in G-2 War Room.



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FUNDING, BUDGET AND BASIC DIRECTIVES

15 June 1954 - At NIC first meeting question of funding arose, G-2 feeling that the DCI should promise financial support leaning on the IAC Agencies. It was generally agreed even at this early date that funding would have to be developed, particularly for construction, on the basis of agreement between the DCI and Sec Def.

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26 June 1954 - DCI has asked Secretary Anderson to hold off the answer to the "Dear Bob" letter until the DCI sees him 30 June--in order to avoid the JCS cut becoming formalized in the Anderson reply. CIA not to allocate any funds until the subcommittee recommendation on allocation is approved by the Ad Hoc Committee and is in the record.

7 July 1954 - DCI talked with Under Sec of Def Anderson and Gen Erskine--Anderson promised no adverse action on NIC spaces and manning requests, and Gen Erskine will attempt to obtain JCS Ops Stat approval by dressing up NIC in the character of a standard by War Room.

2 September 1954 - Problem of executive agent for NIC still up in the air and nothing can be done until clarification of NIC construction costs.

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